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	Processing Currency Bills...")	

**Related Art**

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Sir:

This paper submits that the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-identified application is believed to be known and not patentable in view of the prior art. Specifically, the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-identified application is believed to be unpatentable in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,290,033 (Bittner), U.S. Patent No. 5,420,406 (Izawa) and U.S. Patent No. 5,917,930 (Kayani).

Bittner discloses a gaming machine having a bill validator and a bar code reader for game coupons that can redeem the winning game coupons. Izawa discloses a bill validator that validates bills and bar coded documents. Kayani shows a semi-continuous processing apparatus that separates currency stacks in a batch of currency through separator cards with bar code. In view of the subject matter disclosed in these references, it is believed that the present invention is obvious in view of Bittner, Izawa and Kayani.

Respectfully submitted,

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